

Training and Medical Training Issues Topic Group Meeting Summary Philadelphia, PA July 13, 1999

Fire Chief Bill Ruting (La Grange, IL, Fire Department) presented the results of the topic group's discussions:

- The MERRTT (Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training) series, comprised of 16 modules, is in the process of being finalized and pilot tested in a number of locations in the U.S.
- Pilot testing will include: using a needs assessment tool; developing model procedures; and actual training delivery of the MERRTT modules.
- The topic group, working with the regional government group staff representatives to TEC/WG, has sent a survey to State points-of-contact to determine the best mechanism and media for distribution of the training materials. The survey should be completed by September 1999.
- Other activities include: merging the training and medical issues training topic groups in order to take a look at training materials for medical personnel; developing an information brochure that describes the MERRTT training modules system; and developing a U.S. radiological transportation emergency response guide that parallels the North American Emergency Response Guide.
- MERRTT Modules 1-4 will be piloted in a self-study format and a facilitated format at this meeting.